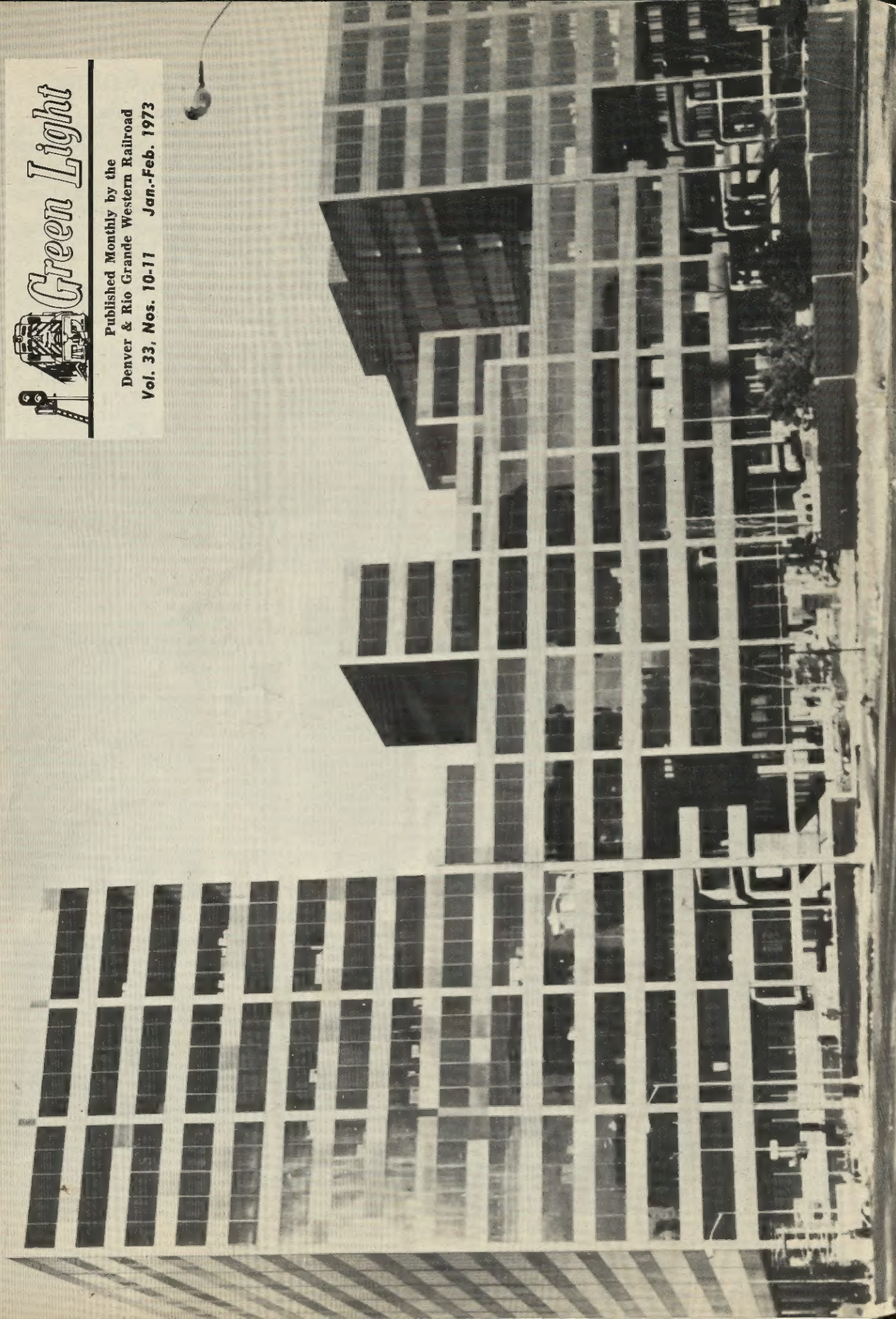




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## On the Cover

Park Central is the new home of Rio Grande Industries and the Rio Grande Railroad. The Rio Grande occupies floors seven through 12 in the 16-story structure which is on the left in the photo. Leavell Development Co., a subsidiary of Rio Grande Industries, is located on the 12th floor. The Denver Rio Grande Credit Union is located on the 3rd floor.

## Suggestions

Suggestions received for review and discussion:

15676	19046	31126
15688	19623	31158
16055	19681	31167
16265	20594	31199
18059	20636	31324
18436	21369	

The following suggestions were received and for various reasons not adopted:

15672	19049	31165
15680	20760	
19045	31135	

Last month's winners were W. D. Vaughan, retarder operator, Grand Junction, and J. A. Murrell, conductor, Denver.

## McBriar Honored



RAY McBRIAN, retired director of research for the Rio Grande, right, received an Alumni Merit Award from the UMR-MSM Alumni Association of the University of Missouri-Rolla on Oct. 21. The award was given at the association's annual meeting held in conjunction with UMR homecoming activities. McBrian, who retired in November, 1965, was recognized for his professional and scientific accomplishments.

## Safety Award



THE COLORADO DIVISION won the right to keep the Mechanical Dept. Safety Award trophy after winning it successively for three years. Paul Starr, chief mechanical officer, right, is presenting the trophy to Ed Allen, master mechanic, at Burnham. The trophy signified a good safety record at the Burnham shops and will have a prominent place for its display in the office.

## The Book Corner

### The Silverton Train

Of all the steam trains operating in the country, the Silverton Train has captured the fancy of people from all over.

To add to this enthusiasm, Jack M. Douglas has published a pictorial on this famous train, many photos for the first time.

Steeped in history of the early mining days, tourists are entranced by the sound and smell of the live steam locomotives just as they operated many years ago.

The book gives one an opportunity to relive the scenes seen from the diminutive train with action photos as well as some of the equipment in use.

The book sells for \$4.95 plus 30 cents postage from book stores and may be ordered from Caboose Hobbies, 610 15th St., Denver 80202.

### Crystal River Pictorial

A detailed photographic record of the short line railroads that once operated in the scenic district of Colorado has been released by Sundance, Ltd. Publications.

Authored by Bell McCoy and Russ Collman, the two have put together a very interesting and complete pictorial of the fabulous Crystal River country.

"The Crystal River Pictorial" portrays the history of the legendary mountain district in the Elk Mountain Range noted for its rich deposits of coal and marble.

The railroads that served this area are pictured in six sections. The photos are superb with many in full color. Dell McCoy has some very fine reproductions of his color paintings in the book. The text is concise and carries the reader from one section to the next.

Lovers of railroad history should welcome the "Crystal River Pictorial" as a welcome addition to their library. The book carries a price tag of \$19.50, available at your favorite book store or may be ordered from Caboose Hobbies, 610 15th St., Denver 80202.

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By the time a man gets into greener pastures, he can't climb the fence.

## Know Where You're Going?

### OFFICE LOCATIONS

Rio Grande Industries and subsidiaries, Rio Grande Railroad and Leavell Development Company, are located in Tower One (15th St. tower) in the Park Central Complex. The various offices are located on the following floors:

- 7th Floor—Management Information Services.
- 8th Floor—All offices of the Accounting Departments.
- 9th Floor—Claims and Special Services; Communications Department; Legal Department; Personnel Department; and Purchasing Department.
- 10th Floor—Transportation Department; Engineering Department; Mechanical Dept. and Land & Contracts.
- 11th Floor—Traffic Department.
- 12th Floor—Executive Offices; Rio Grande Industries; and Leavell Development Company.

## Officers Elected at Grand Junction



OFFICERS ELECTED to serve for the coming year at the Grand Junction Rio Grande Credit Union at a meeting held on Jan. 27 at Cafe Caravan were, above from left, E. J. Gries, president, E. A. Anderson, chairman, Supervisory Committee, T. J. Lynch, treasurer, H. C. Downen, vice president, and Harry Bergman, chairman, Credit Committee.



# Park Central Complex Nears Completion

The final phase of construction is underway on the \$23,000,000 Park Central Complex where Rio Grande Industries, Central Bank & Trust Co., and Leavell Development Co. joined in a venture in constructing the three-tower structure.

Leavell Development Co., a subsidiary of Rio Grande Industries, is the general contractor for the project. Their staff moved into the building in December. Rio Grande

Industries and the railroad moved into their new headquarters in January and Central Bank and Trust plan their big move for February. The remainder of the three-tower structure is up for lease.

It seems only appropriate the Rio Grande personnel should become acquainted with those who work for the Leavell Company. *Green Light* is pleased to present them to you.



*C. V. Beckstrand, president.*



*Arthur Tarler, Ralph Frizzell and John Hyland, vice presidents.*



*Bob Olsen,  
tenant co-ordinator.*



*Joanne Hornbostel,  
executive secretary.*



*Stephen Philips, tenant co-ordinator, left, and George Wilson,  
director leasing and management.*



*Patti Waldrip,  
receptionist.*



*Carole Northcutt,  
secretary to vice president.*



*Walter Downes,  
Accountant.*



*Dorothy Blackmore,  
bookkeeper.*



# Rio Grande Moves Into Their New Headquarters

Over the weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 6 and 7, the Rio Grande Railroad made the big move from their six-story building on Stout Street to their new headquarters in the 23-million Park Central three-tower complex bounded by 15th, 16th, Lawrence and Arapahoe Streets. The railroad will occupy floors 7 through 12 in the 15th St. Tower.

Prior to the move, Bekins Van & Storage Co. worked out the many fine details to make the move with a minimum of confusion. Each item to be moved was color coded to indicate the floor it was to be moved in the new building. Many of the files were moved prior to the Saturday deadline, allowing the movers a head start on the project.

Countdown came on the Friday afternoon prior to the move when each employee packed their work and supplies in a box provided by the mover. Each box was placed on the

desk with the necessary identification color and the number of their new desk location. The movers worked like a nest of ants carrying boxes to waiting vans and unloading them at the new site. Came Monday morning, each employee reported to the new offices where each box belonging to them had been placed in the desired location.

Very little time was lost in making the move. Like everyone who moves into a new location, there were a few things that had turned up missing for a short time. Overall, the move was very smooth.

The building with many windows, with new furniture, brightly painted walls, carpet on the floor and draperies at the windows makes for a pleasant place to work. Employees, without exception, are quite pleased with their new surroundings.

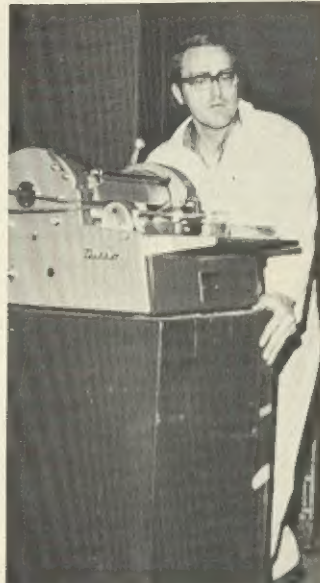
The accompanying photos show some of the activity on that memorable weekend.



*Out of the old building.*



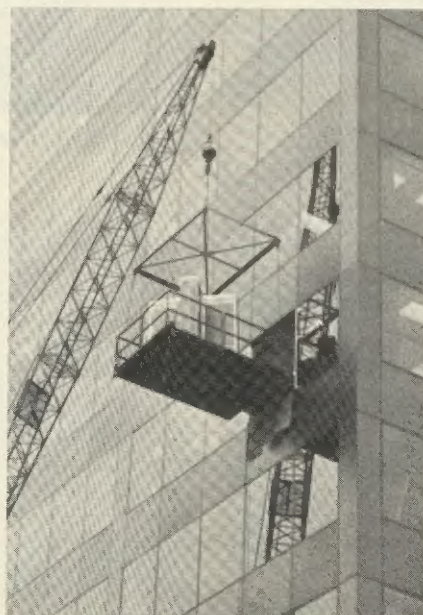
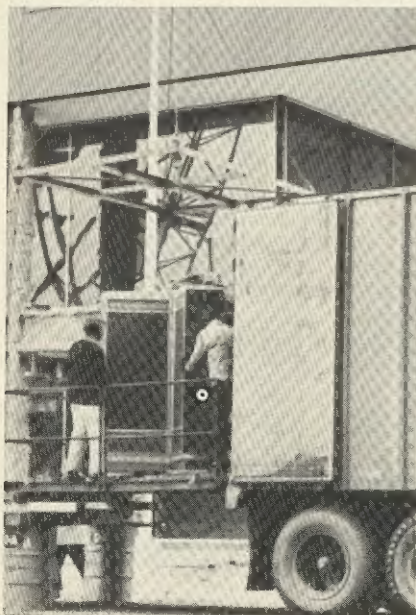
*Into the Van you go.*



*Equipment moves into the new building.*

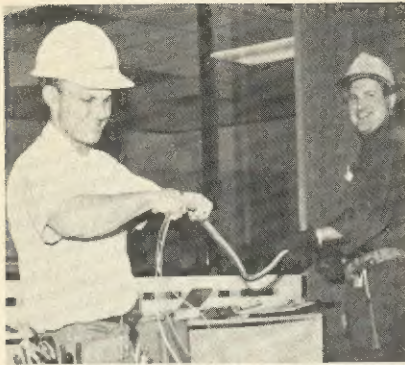


*Up, up and away we go.*



*Through the windows go the computers which had arrived by truck from the old building, hoisted up and set in place.*

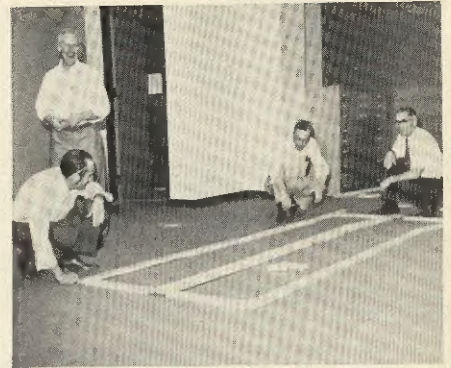




*Have to get the "hot line" in.*



*I'll put it here for now.*



*This is where we'll put the files.*



*I wonder what goes with this?*



*Guess what I found!*



*Can't believe I packed the whole thing!*



*I'm here. Where's the rest of it?*



*Miles and miles of wire for the computers.*



*Let's cut off a little here. Maybe it will fit.*



*We look pretty in our new surroundings.*



*We're here, now for a few changes.*

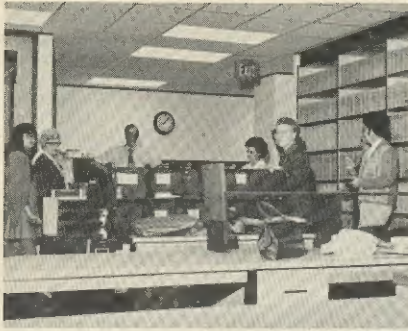


*Wait till the dispatchers see this set up.*



*One more box to go.*





*OK, gang, no ashes on the carpet.*



*If we only had power, we'd go to work.*



*Everything is working out well.*



*Golly, gee, to think it's all mine.*



*I'm sure everything's going to be on the up.*



*Who's confused? Not me.*

*What's the delay?  
We three are ready for business.*

## *Credit Union Moves Into New Offices*

The Denver Rio Grande Credit Union has moved into new offices, Suite 353, Park Central Bldg., in downtown Denver.

Park Central is also the new home of the Rio Grande Railroad. The building is a three-tower complex located between 15th and 16th Streets and Lawrence and Arapahoe. The Credit Union and the railroad are located in the 16-story tower on 15th St.

The Denver Rio Grande Credit Union was organized and chartered on November 25, 1935, by a group of employees in the General Offices. From this small beginning, this Credit Union's assets have grown to over one and one-half million dollars.

There are many benefits in belonging to the Credit Union — among them are the low interest rate charged on loans (3/4 of 1 per cent per month on the unpaid balance which is 9%), 5 1/2 percent interest paid on savings has been paid for the past five years, life savings insurance up to \$2,000, insurance on loans which pays off in case of

death, and payroll deductions on savings and loans — to name a few.

Membership is open to all employees of the Rio Grande Railroad, Motor Way, Rio Grande Industries and their subsidiaries with offices based in Denver.

Marie Osborne is the manager, and Marie Boyle is the assistant. They are available to talk over financial problems with their members, which is held in strictest confidence.

To join requires a \$5.00 deposit with 25¢ for handling. Their office hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each working day. Officers are elected from the membership to oversee the operation of the Credit Union. At least once each year state bank examiners audit the books as the credit union is under the jurisdiction of the state banking commission.

Employees outside the Denver area who are interested in obtaining more information regarding the Credit Union may write to Marie Osborne, manager, Denver Rio Grande Credit Union, Box 5482, Denver, Colo. 80217. Your inquiries are most welcome.



# Retirees Who Were Honored at 1973 Banquets

## Pueblo

		Years
Kenneth L. Adams	Switchman	21
Anton J. "Tony" Ballas	Asst. Material Manager	44
Wilbur S. Butterbaugh	Locomotive Engineer	43
Loyd P. Circle	Switchman	27
Jacob Dechant	Carman Helper	25
Lester Denton	Carman	46
Cecil F. Frost	Clerk	36
Cecil M. Gant	Carman	45
Charley W. Gash	Locomotive Engineer	29
Charles Genova	Machinist	46
Hubert M. Henson	Yard Clerk	24
Montrose E. Jachetta	Machinist	45
George T. Markussen	Switchman	49
Patrick L. McGill	Carman	42
Roy E. Miller	Switchman	31
Samuel Musso	Towmotor Operator	30
Juan M. Ontiveros	Section Laborer	44
William F. Phillips	Carman	45
Boyd E. Roark	Conductor	36
Henry E. Vandever	Welder	34
Eugene E. Vandever	Switchman	27
Robert B. Weaver	Secl. Laborer	12

## Grand Junction

		Years
Charles E. Adams	Conductor	43
C. R. Alberts	General Roadmaster	34
Prinston B. Arant	Machinist	44
Placido J. Archuleta	Truck Driver	37
Samuel Archuleta	Section Laborer	35
Albert Barbour	Locomotive Engineer	49
Cletus A. Best	Welder	37
Roy F. Blackburn	Locomotive Engineer	36
Jerry F. Carey	Brakeman	33
William J. Elbon	Conductor	44
Ralph L. Emery	Section Laborer	27
Jim English	Sect. Laborer-Truck Driver	44
Charles L. Forney	Brakeman	30
Murl C. Francis	Carman	49
Henry J. Gallegos	Sect. Laborer-Truck Driver	29
Albert W. Grothe	Brakeman	16
George D. Grubb	Janitor	24
Alexander L. Guerrie	Mechanical Laborer	50
Arthur S. Hadden	Carman	46
Earl W. Head	Mechanical Laborer	40
Wayne Hollopeter	Switchman	27
William C. Howell	Brakeman	29
Charley W. King	Locomotive Engineer	45
Chester V. Kinzie	Locomotive Engineer	30
Thomas J. Lynch	Agent	49
Kenneth Mayes	Switchman	30
William H. McClurg	Train Dispatcher	35
Marion R. McElvain	Carman	30
Andres Medina	Section Laborer	29
Chris Morfin	Section Laborer	22
Gerald E. Morford	Carman	28
Dan B. Ooley	Fireman	29
Manuel S. Ortiz	Section Laborer	27
Harry O. Pauly	Conductor	45
John P. Porter	Sheet Metal Worker	20
Donald Robinson	B&B Foreman	46
William G. Romager	Carman	38
Bertram A. Rucker	Locomotive Engineer	31
Douglas M. Setzler	Agent-Telegrapher	38
Victorino Vigil	Section Laborer	31
Darrel T. Walters	Conductor	36

## Salida

		Years
Robert J. Brazil	Machinist	40
Bonnie B. Campbell	Locomotive Engineer	44
Leo A. Dishno	Locomotive Engineer	46
Matt J. Evans	Work Equipment Operator	36
Harry J. Fitzpatrick	Clerk	51
Thomas H. Hazelhurst	Roadway Machine & Equip. Repairman	12
Maynard T. Hoaglund	Fireman	30
Jose I. Lopez	Section Laborer	26
Joe B. Maestas	Carman Helper	29
Ralph D. Passarelli	Section Foreman	50

## Alamosa

		Years
Thomas Conway	Engine Watchman	28
Albert E. Lopez	Mechanical Laborer	28
Joseph F. Lucero	Machinist	17
Alfonso Maestas	Mechanical Laborer	26
Luis J. Martinez	Transfer Truck	47
Jose M. Miera	Section Foreman	46
Mike Pasqua	Section Foreman	53
Carlos F. Richman	Section Foreman	46
Clarence L. Smith	Switchman	36
Tom Trujillo	Section Laborer	45

## Salt Lake

		Years
Frank L. Atwood	Section Foreman	43
Lamar A. Burkinshaw	Train Yard Foreman	38
Lawrence C. Camomile	Boilermaker Helper	17
Edward J. Casey	Machinist	48
Darl C	B&B Foreman	45
John C. Cowley	Crane Operator	35
Walter J. "Bud" Deason	Chief Clerk	51
Ronald E. Gardner	Conductor	48
Blaine L. Glanville	Switchman	35
Ora M. Henriksen	Locomotive Engineer	44
Herbert L. Houle	Fireman-Engineer	29
William J. Huntsman	Supervisor of Structures	45
Carlos J. Jackson	Assistant Engineer	47
Moises Jaramillo	Mechanical Laborer	28
Rees F. Llewellyn	Claim Agent & Special Agent	28
Leland O. Nielsen	Carman	29
William E. Olson	Brakeman	47
Joseph D. Page	Locomotive Engineer	38
Fred E. Parker	Conductor	48
August Pfahl	Brakeman	28
Clifford O. Phirman	Switchman	29
William J. Porter	Conductor	42
Delmar H. Powell	Section Laborer	37
William G. Purdy	Brakeman	29
Clifford D. Ragsdale	Brakeman	28
Fred E. Rowland	Switchman	25
William L. Sutherland	Conductor	36
Lloyd Taylor	Assistant Trainmaster	8
Ernest L. Thomas	B&B Carpenter	46
Gordon W. Thomson	Section Laborer	26
Delmar L. Tripp	Conductor	48
William B. Vigor	Section Laborer	24
Mike Vodopich	Section Foreman	39
Paul Walters	Switchman	14
William H. Wetmore	Machinist	49



## Denver

### Years

Samuel G. Barlow	Lead Janitor	27	Nathan Jones	Mechanical Laborer	24
John N. Barnes, Jr.	Assistant Roadmaster	47	Homer N. Killillay	Conductor	28
Lewis V. Bearden	Yardmaster	30	William S. King	Electrician	25
Arthur E. Berglin	Tin & Pipe Shop Foreman	42	William H. Ladd	Clerk	37
Robert O. Blue	Welder Helper	27	Harold S. Law	Supervisor of Signals	37
Irving M. Brink	Work Equipment Shop Foreman	47	Frank E. Long	Passenger Traffic Manager	50
Walter L. Brooks	Clerk	27	Leonard C. Marchall	Chef	33
Burr M. Burks	Carman	45	Abrelío Martinez	Mechanical Laborer	45
J. Bert Byars	Assistant to Chief Engineer	35	Theodore Martinez	Mechanical Laborer	29
Joseph Capra	Machinist Helper	37	Harold Mazzulla	Machinist	50
Nick Carelli	Carman	50	Richard B. Middleton	Machinist	49
William A. Carlson	Conductor	37	William H. Moeller	Clerk	40
Ernest Carter	Sleeping Car Porter	2	Romolo Montoya	Section Laborer	12
Arthur G. Chilton	Locomotive Engineer	37	Gottfried W. Mueller	Pipefitter	13
Joseph R. Cone	General Clerk	49	Evart H. Nelson	District Manager	35
Ersel G. Deakins	District Representative	50	John R. Nelson	Electrician	29
Bernard E. Dee	Rate & Revising Supervisor	49	Kenneth S. Norquist	Industrial Agent	36
Irving F. Denton	Section Laborer	25	Katherine N. O'Connell	Clerk	30
Audie M. DeVore	Switchman	25	Roscoe W. Paris	Signal Inspector	30
Leone M. Dickman	Clerk	50	Florence A. Peterson	Secretary	38
Charles J. Dobol	District Manager	41	Benjamin F. Phelps	Carman	36
Thomas M. Donohue	Laboratory Technician	30	W. James Pitney	Assistant Chief-Rates	47
Elmer A. Elving	B&B Carpenter	31	Karl L. Rathgeber	Locating Engineer	30
Mildred L. Green	Research Assistant	31	Alex E. Rose	Manager of Insurance	50
Adolph Greenmyer	Crane Operator	27	Ross Santistevan	Section Foreman	28
John W. Hamilton	City Ticket Agent	22	William E. Saunders	Diesel Shop Foreman	43
Granville Hampton	Sleeping Car Porter	2	R. F. W. Schneider	Building Superintendent	30
Betty K. Hancock	Secretary	21	William L. Sealy	Store Helper	30
Lewis E. Harman	Stationary Engineer	2	Lloyd E. Selby	Clerk	37
Evelyn H. Hart	Store Laborer	15	Clark H. Shacklett	Conductor	36
Edward G. Heald	Locomotive Engineer	36	Thomas R. Shinkle	Carman	35
Florentino Herrera	Section Laborer	29	Odis P. Simpson	Agent	35
Charles R. Hicks	Groundman	46	Fred P. Snyder	Machinist Helper	28
Herschel L. Inman	Locomotive Engineer	30	Clarence S. Spray	Switchman-Yardmaster	21
Thomas C. Jackson	Train Dispatcher	48	Wesley N. Todd	Carman	36
James R. Jamison	Clerk	25	Flora L. Turney	Clerk	30
John S. Jarrett	Assistant Manager-Pricing	47	Harry J. Urban	Clerk	20
Herbert W. Johnson	Train Clerk	21	John "Ted" Urban	Assistant to V. P. -Operations	43
Leo A. Johnson	Coach Porter	23	Thelma M. Verbain	Office Manager	30
John R. Jones	Cook	15	Everett W. Wilimek	Clerk	29
			Charley W. Williams	Waiter	10



*EUNICE DONALDSON and Mrs. Joe Moran held a drawing for the door prize winners at Alamosa.*



*THE ADAMS STATE Broadway Singers entertained at Alamosa.*



*THE METROPOLITAN Dancers performed at Denver.*



*THE BRADBURY GROUP entertained the retirees at Pueblo.*



*GLEN KELLER "tickled the ivories" at Denver.*



*DONNIE DUNCAN and family played and sang at Salida.*



## Retirement Invocation

By A. R. Edlund, Pastor  
First Christian Church, Salida

Our loving God, you have given us our running orders for life and your son has given us the high ball for the main line. We confess that we sometimes misread our orders, often we become side-tracked and occasionally derailed. Help us to get our signals straight so we may run on your schedule instead of our own. We thank you for the fellowship of this hour and may this food provide us with the fuel we need to help others along life's right-of-way. We pray in the spirit of life's great conductor, Jesus Christ. Amen.



RECEIVING 50 YEAR service pins were A. L. Guerrie, third from left, and Frank Jonick, second from right. A. H. Bob Nance and James Greener, Colorado and Utah division superintendents, respectively, are congratulating Guerrie while A. A. Capps bestows the honors on Jonick.



ATTENDING ALAMOSA Retirement Banquet were, from left, Mike Pasqua, Alfonso Maestas, Luis J. Martinez and Albert E. Lopez.



RETIREEES AT SALIDA were from left, Harry J. Fitzpatrick, Matt J. Evans, Leo A. Dishno and Robert J. Brazil.



GEORGE GRIVET was "Shooting the Works" at Salt Lake banquet.



HONORED AT PUEBLO from left were, seated, Kenneth L. Adams, George T. Markussen, Samuel Musso, Patrick L. McGill and Boyd Roark; standing, Hubert M. Hanson, Cecil F. Frost, Cecil M. Gant, Tony Ballas, Lester Denton, Charles Genova and Harry E. Vandever.



RETIREEES AT SALT LAKE from left were, seated, August Pfahl, Fred E. Parker, Delmer L. Tripp, O. H. Henriksen and William L. Sutherland; second row, John C. Cowley, Ronald E. Gardner, W. J. Huntsman, William J. Porter, Lamar A. Burkinshaw and W. J. "Bud" Deason; back row, Carlos J. Jackson, Blaine L. Glanville, William E. Olson, Leland O. Nielsen, Joseph D. Page and Lawrence C. Camomile.



W. J. "Bud" DEASON, popular chief clerk at Salt Lake, receives his years of service pin from James Greener, division superintendent, Utah Division.



"TONY" BALLAS, left, receives congratulations from A. H. "Bob" Nance at Pueblo banquet.





**GRAND JUNCTION RETIREES** attending are, from left, front row, D. M. "Bill" Setzler, Earl W. Head, C. A. Best, Ralph L. Emery, Chris Morfin, William J. Elbon and Andres Medina; second row, Dan Ooley, William G. Romager, M. R. McElvain, Charles L. Forney, Albert Barbour, Jerry F. Carey and Manuel Ortiz.



**MORE FROM GRAND JUNCTION**, from left front row, Chester V. Kinzie, Victorio Vigil, Harry O. Pauley, John P. Porter, A. L. Guerrie, Murl C. Francis and William C. Howell; back row, Don Robinson, Bert Rucker, Charles E. Adams, Art Hadden, Tommy Lynch, Roy Blackburn and Charles W. King.



**ATTENDING DENVER BANQUET** from left were, seated, Fred P. Snyder, Walter L. Brooks, Florence A. Peterson, Flora L. Turney, Evelyn H. Hart, Katherine N. O'Connell and Herbert Johnson; second row, Gottfried W. Mueller, Abrelío Martinez, Jim Pitney, Bernard E. Dee, Evert H. Nelson, James R. Jamison, Lloyd E. Selby and John W. Hamilton; back row, Arthur G. Chilton, Irving M. Brink, Everett W. Wilimek, Lewis E. Harman, Ersel G. Deakins, John S. Jarrett, Karl L. Rathgeber, J. Bert Byars and J. Ted Urban.



**MORE DENVER RETIREES** from left, seated, Joseph Capra, Thomas M. Donohue, Richard B. Middleton, Arthur E. Berglin, Wesley N. Todd, John N. Barnes, Jr., William A. Carlson and Harold S. Law; second row, Alex E. Rose, John R. Jones, Robert F. W. Schneider, William H. Ladd, Thomas R. Shinkle, Nick Carelli, John R. Nelson, Elmer A. Elving and Joseph R. Cone; back row, William L. Sealy, Auddie M. De Vore and Robert O. Blue.



**ALEX ROSE**, left, was presented a 50-year diamond pin and a 50-year service pin by J. W. Lovett, director of personnel, at Denver.



**J. BERT BYARS**, who attended many retirement banquets over the years, receives his service pin from John W. Lovett, director of personnel.



**FOLK GOSPEL SINGERS** entertained at Grand Junction.



**BOB HUNGER** played some toe tapping music for the dancing at Salt Lake.



# Rail CHATTER on the Grande

## Burnham Notes

### Store Dept.

By Dolly Fagler

Cliff Jamieson ended 1972 with a week's vacation with his four daughters from New Jersey, Ft. Collins, Kansas City and Denver.

Your reporter celebrated her two week's vacation with a fall breaking her arm. What a better way to start the New Year than with her arm in a cast.

Pleased to welcome Adolph Herman as a clerk to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of J. R. Cone.

Bill Moeller and Bill Sealy came by to wish "Mickey" a happy retirement.

Recent visitors were Carl Gustafson, Bill Schultz and Joe Robinson. It's always nice to see our retired coworkers.

Sincere sympathy to John Ross and family in the loss of his wife's mother.

The icy weather is playing havoc with people. Harold Veal hit the ice which resulted in fractured ribs.

J. R. "Mickey" Cone decided to start the New Year in a way that was something different. On January 2 he took his retirement.

Mickey began his railroad career at Salt Lake City as a messenger in the depot on Sept. 11, 1923. He transferred to the Burnham Store

in 1957 and held positions as sectional storekeeper and general clerk until his retirement.

It is needless to say he will be greatly missed by his fellow employees, especially his good sense of humor and dry wit.

Everyone wishes him many years of luck and happiness.



### Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Biagio J. Aluise who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on December 15. Biagio was known as "Bill" to his many friends at Burnham. He retired as a laborer in the pipe and tin shop 18 years ago.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jay Chapman. Jay had about 31 years of service as a machinist. His hobby was making jewelry for his many friends. Sympathy is also extended to the family of John G. Nash, retired station wagon driver.

The John Frames are the proud grandparents of a grandson born to the James F. Frames at Colorado Springs.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Ed Lindell in the loss of his wife; and to the family of Frank M. Clouser in the loss of Frank, who retired as a machinist about two years ago.

The shopmen extend best wishes to Ted

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Martinez for a long and healthy retirement. Ted saw service at Alamosa, Pueblo and at Burnham. He was transfer table operator at the time of his retirement.

The winter snow and ice disabled a few shop workers. Bill Connelly, machinist, fell at home and required surgical work on his back. Elmer Schaefer fell on his left shoulder which needed emergency treatment to replace the dislocated shoulder and arm bone.

Sympathy is extended to the Glenn Murray family in the loss of members of his family.

It was a hair-raising experience for Wayne Summers at Indian Hills when he tried to remove his cat tractor where he is doing some construction.

Recent visitors were Malcolm Burks, Herb Zeitz, John Riddle, Jack Jesson, Harry Throckmorton, Lee Ellsworth, Sanley Evans, Art Berglin, Bill Moeller, Gene Crosson, Tom Shinkle, John Nelson, Carey Hull, Fred Snyder, Fritz Mueller, Bill Schultz, Red Middleton, Bert Koepke, Jimm Bruecht and Ted Chitwood.

A speedy recovery is wished for Ray Shipman in California and Bill Stallings.

## Provo

By R. R. Rackele

Deepest regrets to the Means family and to the Lewis family. A. M. Means, conductor and R. C. Lewis, brakeman, were killed in an accident.

Congratulations to Donna Rackele and Rudene Rackele who were installed as officers of the Valley Chapter No. 3, Order of Eastern Star. Rudene was installed as Adah and Donna as bible escort. In other lodge news, Orville Swanson was installed as worshipful master in Damascus Lodge No. 10 and Rudy Rackele installed as marshal for 1973.

Bob Pace's wife is in the hospital with a back injury. Dale Bringhurst has been off work due to rib injuries. Rudene Rackele has been in the hospital. Fred Hoffaman's sister is recuperating from heart surgery. Several railroaders have been on the receiving end of the flu bug. Wish all a speedy recovery.

A son was a welcome addition to the James Shepherd household on December 24. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Shepherd are also very proud of their first grandchild.

Audra Evans and David C. Thorpe are recent newlyweds. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Adella P. Evans and the late Grant Evans and David is the son of the Neal Thorpes.

The Vic Griffiths were pleased to have visits from their daughters and families, one from California and the other from Kaysville, Utah. They all enjoyed skiing.

Dale Bowen's father has been hospitalized and hope he is on the mend at this time.

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*Editor: Why are you so upset over the publication of your retirement? It was printed word-for-word as you gave it to us.*

*Politician: Yeah, but did you have to list it under public improvements?*

## Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Juan Ontivors, born in Old Mexico in 1907, came to the United States in 1914 where he

"roamed" from railroad to railroad, which included the Santa Fe, C&S and MoP, joined the Rio Grande on the extra gang in the Royal Gorge in 1925 transferring to section laborer in 1929. Juan worked at several locations and in 1933 was permanently assigned to Colorado Springs until his retirement on December 31.



Juan stated, even though there were some pretty rough times throughout the years, his association with the Rio Grande has been very enjoyable.

C. C. Spaur, brakeman, enjoyed two weeks at home. Frank Enright visited his mother and friends for a week at Lincoln, Neb. Bill Kennedy decided to spend two weeks at home.

Sorry to report Frank Barnes, engineer, has been in the hospital. He is now recuperating and vacationing at Phoenix, Ariz.

Everyone wishes Bill French, agent, the best of luck in his new assignment as agent at Grand Junction.

Larry Thomison, son of B. A. Thomison, red cap, is attending El Paso Community College where he is majoring in electronics technology. His instructor says Larry has a knack for electronics. He is hoping to become associated with Hewlett Packard upon graduation. Best of luck, Larry.

## Alamosa

By Lee Jordan

A nice crowd of Veterans enjoyed the Christmas dinner on December 3 at the Walsh Hotel, after which games were enjoyed by nearly half of those attending the dinner.

The calendar shows the first day of winter is December 21, but don't believe it, as it started in the valley the first of November and it is still here. Heavy snows also lie in the surrounding mountains. The rains we missed last spring came the latter part of October followed by heavy snow in November which is lasting in good shape.

Condolences to Irma Lawyer, wife of retired carman Atwood Lawyer, upon the death of her sister, Genevieve Wolfe of Canon City. Genevieve was the wife of deceased carman Earl Wolfe at Alamosa.

Irma and Genevieve's father was chief clerk to master mechanic in the old store house at Alamosa when this reporter was just a boy.

Mr. Morrell was a small man with a fierce moustache and was an excellent bicycle rider and racer. He usually meant what he said and was well known and regarded highly by the old timers around the shop area.



## Colorado Division

By Anne Darling

A large number of friends and fellow employees gathered at the Division Office on Dec. 15 for a luncheon honoring Thomas C. Jackson, dispatcher, on his retirement.

Tommy's railroad career began as a messenger in the Telegraph Dept. at Pueblo Union Depot in October, 1924. He was promoted to telegrapher in June, 1927. He worked this position, in addition to Pueblo, at many locations which are now just a memory without even a trace of a station. He was promoted to dispatcher at Pueblo in 1937 and served in this capacity at all the Rio Grande's division points. He had been a dispatcher at Denver since 1947, a position he held at retirement.

He also served as general chairman of American Train Dispatchers Assn. from 1954 until his retirement.

He was presented with a gift of "green" and his wife, Agnes, received a lovely orchid corsage. Everyone wished Tommy the best of everything for the coming years.

Carl M. Jensen, son of the Carl K. Jensens, graduated from Colorado School of Mines on Dec. 21 with a degree in Mineral Engineering. He is now employed by Kennecott at Hayden, Ariz.

A welcome to Howard Dearing as division trainmaster.

Sympathy is extended to Jerry Stanley on the death of his father at Grand Junction.

John Barnes would like to take this means to express his thanks to all who helped make his retirement a day to remember.

Jerry Stanley would also like to thank all those for their kindness following the passing of his father.



her first grandson. Kathryn "Katy" Dere, former steno, is with the Bureau of Land Management in Grand Junction and has recently bought a home here.

Tom Lynch keeps busy with the Credit Union business and also planned the Annual Dinner Meeting at Cafe Caravan. The Credit Union will soon open new offices in the former N.C.R. Bldg. at Third and Pitkin in Grand Junction.

Congratulations to George Dunlap, retired conductor, who celebrated his 100th birthday in Teller Arms Nursing Home. Believe George can claim the title of the oldest living Rio Grande retiree.

A welcome to new faces hereabouts—Bob Crane, road foreman, G. L. Openshaw, asst. trainmaster, Ronnie Phillips, engineering assistant, and W. M. French as general agent.

Nice to see former fellow employees who seem to be enjoying their new-found relaxation. Charlie Brayton, clerk, keeps busy caring for his daughter's ranch as well as his own properties, which probably accounts for how well he looks. Bill McClurg had coffee with the fellows the other morning and made us envious of being able to spend many hours with his small grandson, which is good exercise! Bill Carson says he soon will be 80. Sorry to hear Mrs. Carson is not well.

C. L. Forney is making arrangements for continued hospital benefits. He is new at this retirement business as is B. A. Rucker who retired early in December. George and Ione Green are good advertisements for retirement as is Roy Lamb who says he is spending the winter in Grand Junction—to get away from the cold weather in Gunnison County? Rex Lombardi reports that retired engineer Jim Bonnell is happy in his new occupation of grade school crossing watchman at Salt Lake.

Chuck Shepard, clerk, is lucky to be around to tell about his accident when he was working under his truck and the block gave away, allowing the truck to fall on his face. Hope he will be back to work soon.

Sorry to report the losses in the Rio Grande family and wish to convey our condolences to their families: "Jay" L. Wells, district manager, E. E. Barnes, retired conductor, E. J. Chadwick, retired switchman, Albert J. May, Green River and formerly with B&B Dept., Mrs. Glen Vinton, Leonard Clerk, Salida agent. Sympathy also to the W. D. Luceros on the loss of her father.

If he's watching, thanks to Russ Bunker, now in Overland Park, Kans. for the Christmas card showing "The Kansas City Kids"—Chris, Tim and Jon who surely are growing.

Sincere condolences to the family of Mike Volpe, retired section foreman. Mike retired in 1953 and was in charge of the section at Fruita at the time.

## Salida Comments

By Maribee\*

James Preston, conductor, registered for a prize drawing without asking about the prize. After the purchase was made, it dawned on him to make the inquiry. He was told he had a good chance of winning a bicycle. He laughed. What would he do with a bicycle? Well, he was the winner. He still takes his morning constitutional, but he still walks to work.

Carpentry keeps a number of railroaders busy during their leisure hours. Paul Coberly, engineer, has just moved into a new home he built. Frank Scanga, engineer, was busy all last summer putting a house together. Acting agent, Bob Sutherland, spent his rest days at Silt adding a patio to his stationary trailer home.

Dave Williams vacationed all during the month of January. He didn't forget the homeless cats of Salida as he sent money over regularly to provide the Sackett St. mousers with tuna fare.

Les Alway stretched a few buttons off his sweater when he announced that he became a great-grandfather in January. His granddaughter, Cathy Coleman, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy on January 29. He admits that he looks too young to be a great-grandfather, but explains his granddaughter got married at the age of 17.

Bill Ewald departed for a February vacation which won't be all vacation. Chief cook and bottle washer is his assignment for the second time within three years. His mother, who lives in California, broke her arm in a fall.

Mel Fesler took a January-February vacation to get away from the cold weather, heading south towards Phoenix and other points. Although Salida has experienced the coldest temperatures for November for the longest spell since the late 1940's. The temperature became milder as soon as Mel left town. John Curtis, Pueblo conductor, keeps warm by reminiscing of the belated honeymoon taken in December to the Hawaiian Islands. Friends received Christmas cards from them mailed from the islands.

Matt Evans doesn't know who all the donors were, but, he is very happy at the manner in which all the fellows remembered him on the actual day of his retirement. The money should go along way towards purchasing the fishing equipment he will be using during his leisure hours.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

## Ogden

By W. O. "Toots" Furniss

Everyone had a good time at the Christmas party held at the Ramada Inn. Many nice prizes were given.

An election of officers was held at a dinner meeting after which Bingo was played.

Don Parkinson is pleased to have his wife home after surgery. Wish a speedy recovery to Bethel.

J. F. Painter has been on vacation but has been favoring a sprained ankle. Tough luck, Jack.

The Furnisses enjoyed the season's holidays with their daughter, Connie, at Baltimore. It was rough to come back to a cold, snowy winter and back to work after the weather in Maryland.

Blaine L. Glanville, switchman, is starting his new role in the life of a pensioner. Best of luck, Blaine.

Those who attended the 23rd Annual Banquet for the 1972 retirees enjoyed a wonderful dinner and meeting old friends to revive old tales and tell some new stories.

With most of the bad winter over, we are all looking forward to spring and the coming vacations along with the warm, sunny days.

## Grand Junction

By Almeda Flint

Trainman and Mrs. Sam McMahan made local headlines when their son, Stanton James, made his appearance at 1:44 a.m., January 1 at St. Marys Hospital as the first baby in 1973 in Mesa County. He weighed in at 7 lb. 14 oz. The proud parents are Conductor and Mrs. L. J. Kline.

Danny Price, trainman, wants everyone to know that HE is the uncle of the cute little Miss Price who sat on Santa's knee during the Grand Junction Christmas Party. We might also mention that Pat Price, trainman, is the father of this little miss.

Jack Lawrence, dispatcher, has the title and license plates for a sporty new Datsun—everything but the car itself which is being held by the dealer because of a defect that was found in some of the models.

For many who inquire from time to time, Harriett Strankman is working in Civil Service in Anchorage, Alaska and does enjoy her work. She mentioned that her son, Jerry, who is stationed in Virginia, presented her with



## General Office

### System Freight Agency

By Charles Cutforth

Winding up the vacations for 1972 were Ed and Loretta Salazar who visited relatives in the San Luis Valley; Warren and Phyllis Griggs drove to Pasadena to visit friends and view the Rose Parade, returning in time to moonlight at the Stock Show.

Dottie and Bill Healy and family will be returning to Denver from San Diego, Tiajuana and other points as we read this edition of Green Light. We are sure they need to get back in order to get well—financially!

Pleased to see Harry Vernon returning to his old self after a recent sick spell.

Out of town readers when in Denver should be sure to stop in Room 804 in the Park Central, Rio Grande's new home, and visit this department. We are really proud of our new quarters.

Thought: Marriage teaches you loyalty, forbearance, self restraint, meekness and a lot of other qualities you wouldn't need if you had stayed single.

### Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

Congratulations to Eleanor Brown who was recently promoted to the position of secretary to the assistant vice president-Sales & Service.

Welcome to Gladys Davidson to this department on January 22. She transferred from Expenditure Accounting Dept. and is now a secretary in the steno pool.

The Traffic Dept. has suffered the loss of two top salesmen. The passing of J. L. "Jay" Wells, district manager at Grand Junction, and R. G. Schwartz, district representative, a resident of Cedar Rapids, Ia., with headquarters at Omaha, Neb. Sincere condolences to the families of these two fine gentlemen.

Congratulations to Gary Baker, market analyst, who just recently became a newlywed.

Effective in February, D. R. Havlik became a district representative at Chicago, having been promoted from the position of office manager at that location.

Welcome to J. P. Harris to the Rio Grande family who became office manager at Atlanta, Ga. on January 17.

### Revenue Accounting

By Dick Eggleston

We had a very pleasant visit on Dec. 22 from Katie O'Connell, retired. Katie brought some Christmas goodies which all enjoyed with their coffee.

Numerous retirees have visited our new handsome Revenue Accounting Office in the new Park Central Complex. Among them were Jim Pitney, who had just returned from a sojourn in Hawaii, Lou Cramer, Earl Grethel and Sturgis Smith.

All our retired friends are cordially invited to visit the new offices.

Sincere condolences to Dick Baumgart on the death of his father in January.

Everyone in this department was shocked at the sudden passing of our beloved ex-boss, Edward S. Hughes. Ed retired in September, 1969. Sincere condolences are extended to his family.

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## From the Tenth

By Jeanne Gustafson

It's really amazing how quickly railroaders not only adapt themselves to new surroundings, but how rapidly they adapt the surroundings to their particular needs and desires. One of the most adept at this on the 10th floor is Tiger Evans, who is neatly adjusted to his new office, complete with palm tree.

A warm welcome to Terry Eno as engineering assistant in the Engineering Office; to H. V. Eason who is again making his home in Denver as CTC and electronics engineer; and to Wes Henderson who was promoted to superintendent of air brakes. The Customer Service Bureau and wheel desk clerks are also located on this floor.

There are a few things we miss from the "old building." Bob Schneider and his crew who for many years responded to our cries for help; the tempting goodies from "Woolie's" bakery. The quick access to bus lines for most of us. However, the 10th floor personnel are happy with their new surroundings and some of the comments are: "It's great!" "Really terrific!" "It's snorky!" And no one can argue with the fantastic view. A pat on the back to the Bekins movers who completed the job with minimal stress to all.

If anyone finds a sweater packed with your files it belongs to a Bekins man who laid it down for a few seconds, turned around to find it had been packed, taped, labelled and moved. He was amazed at the rapidity with which the Rio Grande packed their boxes.

A big "thank you" to Keith Bradley, Bill Wotipka and Larry Brenton who maintained their good natures and equanimity while conducting the "whole thing" from beginning to end. All appreciate the terrific job they did in getting us settled into very attractive "Real Grande" offices.

### Car Service

By Manfred Bauer

As emergent Car Service began its new career in Park Central, spirits soared to match the panoramic view of the majestic Rockies.

The Tobiasse, Charles and Pauline, are being initiated into one of the time-honored functions of grand parenthood, namely, baby sitting for granddaughter Mindilee. The novice grandparents seem to relish their new part-time chore.

JoAnn Murphy lost a bout with an impacted wisdom tooth and missed several days work following a difficult extraction.

An early vacation was taken by Shirley Bevington to enable her to visit with furloughed son, Bill, a recent graduate of the Naval "boot camp" at San Diego.

Returning home from the Navy following four years of service and two years of combat duty aboard the aircraft carrier, Coral Sea, was AZ3 Tim C. Bauer. Young Bauer plans to matriculate at the University of Denver this fall.

### Executive Dept.

By Irene Stevenson

Some said it couldn't be done; some said it was impossible; some said it was a fantastic task—but it was accomplished.

It was a cold January weekend, but with cooperation and teamwork we moved. It was only a few blocks, but it might as well have been a few miles. There are still problems to

be solved, but everyone is settling in. And what a fantastic view of the front range. Everyone is pleased with the carpeted floors, new furniture and a pleasant place to work.

The Charles Colborg family was happily delighted with a Christmas visit from their son, Ron, who is stationed with the 317th Engineering Battalion at Frankfurt, Germany, as a communications technician.

Congratulations to Dave Lippincott who is working as a counselor with People Who Care who spend their spare time working with parolees.

Arlis Rosenberger will be taking over the duties as 12th floor reporter, because your present one is taking an early retirement. It has been a lot of fun.

Would like to thank all for the kind messages, cards, flowers and memorial donations for my father who recently died.

## Stevenson Retires

Irene (Vogel) Stevenson, secretary to manager of insurance, after helping to complete the move from the Stout St. Bldg. into Park Central, decided it was time to take life a little easier and applied for her retirement on January 26.

Born and raised at Golden, Colo. where she attended school, earned a Phi Beta Kappa Key at Colorado University. Majoring in languages, Irene taught language and drama at Fruitvale, Colo. and later became assistant principal at Lakewood High School, a suburb of Denver. (Some of her students are now working for the Rio Grande.)

Leaving the teaching profession, she journeyed to San Francisco where she was employed by the American Hawaiian Steamship Co. Returning to Denver in 1946, Irene found the door to the Rio Grande wide open which she joined as a stenographer in the Treasury Dept. She subsequently held positions as secretary to Asst. to Treasurer; secretary to Asst. Secretary and Asst. Treasurer; and on January 2, 1951 became secretary to Superintendent, now Manager of Insurance.

Irene became involved with many outside activities being associated with the Golden Symphony; named woman of the year at Golden; chairman of the Sister City of Golden—Young, NSW, Australia; and judged several Stars of Tomorrow contests for the Kiwanis Club, to name a few.

A change of career took place for Irene on February 14, 1971 when she became the wife of Phil H. Stevenson, a retired Gates employee. The many recipes she had saved over the years were to be tried on her new spouse. It "seems" sewing was also to be on the agenda. But to make it all the more pleasant, they both like to travel which will take priority over everything else.

Best wishes from all her coworkers for a most fruitful and happy retirement.

(Irene will be missed by the Green Light for her consistent reporting. A hearty thanks, Irene—Ed.)





## Roper

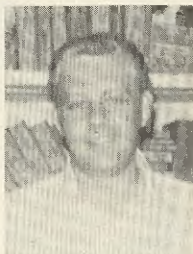
By Roper Jo\*

The Rio Grande Vet's Christmas Party for the adults at Salt Lake was an enjoyable occasion. Music for dancing was furnished by Bob Hunger who is literally a one-man band.

Harold "Pee Wee" Trimble has become a grandfather. Congratulations to the Trimbles and to their son and his wife.

Rudy Gregovich, clerk, found a lazy way to spend Christmas and also lose a little weight. He went to the hospital to have some kidney stones removed. He is back to work and is his old sassy self.

Larry Quigley, clerk, was the proud winner in the City Bowling Tournament in the scratch singles with a 728. Larry also won the handicap singles and the scratch all events. Wayne Brimhall won second place in singles with the highest series he has ever bowled, 656 scratch and 767 handicap. Both were a little richer for Christmas.



Quigley.

Royal Gorge bowling team placed second in the tournament. The Rio Grande Railroad teams made quite an impression at Salt Lake.

Martha Waters on the ladies bowling team proved her ability when she rolled a 546 with a 219 high game. Good bowling!

The Rio Grande Bowling Tournament will be held at Ranch Lanes at Salt Lake City on March 17 and 18 with a banquet on Saturday night at the Moose Club. Entrance fee is \$5.50 per person. Would like to see a representation from the various cities on the Rio Grande and hope they will be able to participate in the tournament.

\*Josephine Smith

## Salt Lake Vets

By F. C. Krauth

C. L. Crawford and wife, Ida, hosted a card party on December 1st which turned into a very pleasant evening. Gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Christmas party was held on December 13 at the Senior Citizens Bldg. It was a great event with plenty of food, a nice program and a dance. Many prizes were given to the lucky ticket holders.

The Twenty-third Retirement Dinner-dance was a huge success with over 250 in attendance. This is one of the events that everyone looks forward to. Those who retired in 1972 were honored.

The Club held a meeting on January 12 to formulate plans for 1973. The first party will be held at the Rail Ops Bldg., 37 W. 17th South on February 23 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a potluck dinner. Members should bring their own dishes and silverware.

The March party will be at the same place and the same time, so keep these dates in mind.

The 1973 membership cards are ready for those who pay their dues of \$1.00. All officers will be pleased to accommodate each member.

Programs for 1973 are now available.

## Denver Vets

By Foyle Troxel

Christmas now seems like ancient history, but we did have a very pleasant meeting on December 20 with a gift exchange and refreshments.

Pleased to welcome Minnie Weber as a new member to the Auxiliary.

Anna Duckworth has moved to 1750 So. Federal Blvd., Apt. 306, and reports that she likes her apartment very much.

Josephine Villano visited her sister at Clarksburg, Ark. Lucy Guy spent a month at Hawthorne, Calif. with her son and family. Ruth Heimlich went to Holdrege, Neb., to greet a new great-granddaughter. George and Gladys Bush have gone to Santa Monica, Calif. for a visit.

The flu bug has hit many of our members. Hope all have recovered by now.

The following officers will be the "crew" for the Denver Vets in 1973: W. L. Hicks, president; Bill Moeller, vice president; Iva Andrews, secretary-treasurer. Board members are Pete Ackermann, chairman, Ed Ramey, W. L. Sealy, John Schneider, Louis Heimlich, John Pouden, Fred Snyder, Charles Troxel and Max Garcia. Ladies Auxiliary: Grace Chambers, president; Josephine Villano, vice president; Dorothy Moeller, secretary; Alice Cutshall, treasurer; Board members, Fern Hicks, chairman, Evna Owen, Cordell Koepke, Kathryn Sealy, Ruth Cone, Jean Welty, Verna Snyder, Gladys Watts, Vera Pouden, Foyle Troxel, cheer chairman, Kathryn Schneider, historian, Anna Duckworth, ex-officio, Elma Ackermann, and Foyle Troxel, press chairman.

As this goes to press, yours truly will have had knee surgery and hopes to be recuperating at home.

## Helper

By Dom Juliano

Sympathy is extended to the family of Donald Borrell who passed away Jan. 13. Don was a section laborer at Helper.

Wedding bells tolled for the following who recently took the "fatal" step: Frank Publise and Cathy; Mark Zipse and Cathy; Brian Brewer and Toni. Congratulations! This reporter understands the three young men were counselled by big John Daskolas. Hope his counseling was pro and not con.

Congratulations to the Elmer Hamiltons on the recent arrival of a baby girl.

George Martell, carman, returned to work after a brief illness. Pleased to have you back, George.

Congratulations to Mike Kanderis, trainmaster, for the recent award presented to him by the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce. At a banquet held on January 6, Mike was presented with a President's Plaque for 1971-72. He was also presented with the Board of Governors Award for outstanding contributions to the welfare and economy of the area for 1972.

Fred Kirkwood participated in the Delta Gun Club tournament held at Delta and walked away with the handicap, doubles and high overall in the competition. Congratulations.

Richard Pagano participated in the Salt Lake Gun Club tournament at Salt Lake and he just walked away. Sorry, Richard, better luck next time.

## Salida Vets

By Mary Cassidy

The Salida Vets Club are "top" party givers.

For the first time the Christmas party was staged around a family theme with a turkey dinner at the Grange Hall. Adults and children exchanged gifts with the ladies bringing a package suitable for the fair sex, the men for men, and the children for children. Everyone opened packages eagerly and some very nice gifts were received. The Christmas party drew a crowd of more than a hundred people.

The evening also served as a business meeting to elect new officers. Lyle Bratton was reelected president, Heb Cole, vice president, James Allen, secretary-treasurer, and Mary B. Cassidy, social secretary. Board members are "Rip" Heister, Jack Paquette, Norman Morrison, Chris Bernstein, Ray Lytle, James Preston and John Aragon.

The holidays were barely over when the enthusiastic officers began planning the annual testimonial and retirement banquet. The men, as well as the ladies, helped make the miniature caboose stoves which were used for table decorations. Nut cups, cottage cheese cartons, large and small, were obtained by scouring two towns to make the stoves. After the stoves were all made, Lyle Bratton found a plentiful supply in his closet.

## Helper Vets

By Dom Juliano

The Christmas Party and the New Year's Dance was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped with the parties and a special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary.

Helper Vet's Club officers attending the Salt Lake Retirement Banquet were, Desmond and Louise Peckham, Ray and Kathy Anderton and George and Karen Grivet. All reported a good time.

Membership cards are now being issued. If you have not been contacted, please pick up your card from Dom Juliano.

Employees with 10 or more years of service are eligible to join and will receive a big welcome.

## NARBW Activities

By Mary Stevens

The Denver Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women held a joint board and dinner meeting at Patsy's Inn Italian Restaurant, on January 17th.

Wilda Jacquet, nominating chairman, was in charge. Assisting her were Helen Parks and Martha Frownfelter.

Mrs. Vera Duffy, a former Peace Corps volunteer, gave a most interesting talk on the Gaza Strip as she observed it while working to set up schools for the refugee children there.

The February Dinner Meeting will be at Writer's Manor, 1730 S. Colorado Blvd. on February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Evelyn Smurr, revisions chairman, will be in charge of the meeting. The Thomas Jefferson High School Glee Club will present a musical program.

Members of the Denver Chapter extend their sympathy to Leo O'Connell, brother of Katherine, who passed away. Katherine, prior to her retirement, was a secretary in the Auditing Dept. for several years. She was a faithful member of the NARBW.

Rio Grande



# The Grande People

By Ann Eckberg

## Retirements

Years of Service and Date Shown)

Atwood, Frank L., Scofield, Section Laborer, 43, Sept. 16.  
 Bearden, Lewis V., Denver, Yardmaster, 30, Mar. 16.  
 Burks, Burr M., Denver, Carman, 45, Dec. 1.  
 Denton, Lester, Pueblo, Carman, 46, Dec. 1.  
 DeVore, Auddie M., Denver, Switchman, 25, Nov. 1.  
 Dobol, Charles J., New York City, District Manager, 41, Nov. 1.  
 Donohue, Thomas M., Denver, Lab Technician, 30, Nov. 1.  
 Evans, Mathew J., Salida, Work Equipment Operator, 36, Nov. 4.  
 Gallegos, Henry J., Delta, Section Laborer, 29, June 3.  
 Gant, Cecil M., Pueblo, Carman, 45, Nov. 1.  
 Gilmore, Fletcher M., Salt Lake City, Stower, 43, Sept. 8, 1971.  
 Glanville, Blaine L., Ogden, Switchman, 35, May 1.  
 Grothe, Albert W., Grand Junction, Trainman, 16, Mar. 28, 1971.  
 Guerrie, Alexander L., Grand Junction, Mech. Laborer, 50, Dec. 1.  
 Herrera, Florentino, Denver, Section Laborer, 29, Sept. 2.  
 Howell, William C., Grand Junction, Trainman, 29, Nov. 27.  
 Jackson, Carlos J., Salt Lake City, Asst. Engineer, 47, Nov. 1.  
 Jamison, James R., Denver, Clerk, 25, Oct. 7.  
 Jaramillo Moises, Helper, Mech. Laborer, 28, Oct. 1.  
 Jarrett, John S., Denver, Asst. Manager-Pricing, 47, Dec. 1.  
 King, William S., Denver, Electrician, 25, Sept. 30.  
 Ladd, Willam H., Denver, Industry Clerk, 37, Dec. 1.  
 Lopez, Albert E., Alamosa, Mech. Laborer, 28, Aug. 3, 1971.  
 Lopez, Jose I., Minturn, Section Laborer, 26, Sept. 21, 1971.  
 Lynch, Thomas J., Grand Junction, Agent, 49, Dec. 1.  
 Martinez, Theodore, Denver, Mech. Laborer, 29, Dec. 1.  
 Mazzulla, Harold P., Denver, Machinist, 50, Oct. 1.  
 Miera, Jose M., Durango, Sect. Foreman, 46, Oct. 15.  
 Nelson, John R., Denver, Electrician, 29, Sept. 30.  
 Norquist, Kenneth S., Denver, Industrial Agent, 36, Nov. 1.  
 Olson, William E., Salt Lake City, Trainman, 47, Nov. 29.  
 Ooley, Daniel B., Grand Junction, Fireman, 29, Sept. 21.  
 Parker, Frederick J., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 48, Dec. 1.  
 Passarelli, Ralph D., Salida, Sect. Foreman, 50, Oct. 1.  
 Pitney, William J., Denver, Asst. Chief-Rates, 47, Nov. 16.  
 Prough, Hershel T., Pueblo, Switchman, 25, Sept. 24, 1971.  
 Purdy, William G., Salt Lake City, Trainman, 29, May 29.  
 Santistevan, Ross, Craig, Sect. Foreman, 28, Aug. 1.  
 Thomas, Ernest L., Salt Lake City, B & B Carpenter, 46, Nov. 11.  
 Todd, Wesley N., Denver, Carman, 36, Nov. 1.  
 Vandiver, Eugene F., Pueblo, Switchman, 27, Oct. 7.  
 Vodopich, Mike, Salida, Sect. Foreman, 39, Sept. 5.  
 Walters, Darrel T., Grand Junction, Conductor, 36, Dec. 1.

## Losses

(Age and Date of Death Shown)

Angster, Joseph D., Pueblo, Carman Helper, 70, Jan. 7, 1973.  
 Borrell, Donald J., Helper, Sect. Laborer, 62, Jan. 18, 1973.  
 Bruno, Sam, Helper, Carman, 74, Nov. 7, 1972.  
 Chadwick, James E., Grand Junction, Switchman, 71, Jan. 4, 1973.  
 Chapman, Jay W., Denver, Machinist, 54, Dec. 23, 1972.  
 Clark, Leonard T., Salida, Agent-Telegrapher, 63, Dec. 15, 1972.  
 Clouser, Frank M., Denver, Machinist Helper, 67, Dec. 15, 1972.  
 Cook, Darl, Salt Lake City, B & B Foreman, 67, Dec. 25, 1972.  
 Crigler, Philip J., Ignacio, Agent-Telegrapher, 84, Nov. 1972.  
 Davidson, Joseph F., Thistle, Conductor, 80, Dec. 6, 1972.  
 Di Giacomia, James V., Salt Lake City, Trainman, 59, Dec. 25, 1972.  
 Fisher, Earl, Colorado Springs, Master Mechanic, 78, Dec. 12, 1972.  
 Fullmer, Amos L., Salina, Carpenter, 79, Nov. 24, 1972.  
 Garcia, Finiano, Salt Lake City, Sect. Laborer, 56, Dec. 4, 1972.  
 Garner, Charlie H., Pueblo, Stowman, 72, Jan. 17, 1973.  
 Higginson, Don F., Draper, Locomotive Engineer, 77, Nov. 9, 1972.  
 Hurley, Elizabeth C., Pueblo, Clerk, 73, Dec. 29, 1972.  
 Janney, Bert M., Salt Lake City, Locomotive Engineer, 67, Jan. 17, 1973.  
 Johnson, Boyd L., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 57, Jan. 28, 1973.  
 Knapp, Roy E., Salt Lake City, T & T Maintainer, 83, Jan. 23, 1973.  
 Kroescher, Emil A., Salt Lake City, Locomotive Engineer, 79, Nov. 24, 1972.  
 Lewis, Rupert C., Helper, Trainman, 55, Dec. 12, 1972.  
 Maher, John E., Denver, Asst. Mgr-Transportation, 68, Jan. 29, 1973.  
 McVean, Harry C., Denver, Traffic Representative, 88, Jan. 22, 1973.  
 Means, Aubrey H., Provo, Trainman, 57, Dec. 12, 1972.  
 Muse, Earl B., Denver, Trainman, 77, Nov. 28, 1972.  
 Nash, John G., Denver, Station Wagon Driver, 61, Dec. 20, 1972.  
 O'Connell, Katherine B., Denver, Steno-Clerk, 83, Jan. 21, 1973.  
 Pritchett, John J., Fairview, Locomotive Engineer, 89, Nov. 25, 1972.  
 Sawyer, Henry, Pueblo, Mech. Laborer, 63, Dec. 23, 1972.  
 Schwartz, Roy G., Omaha, District Representative, 65, Jan. 20, 1973.  
 Sease, Harrison, Denver, B & B Carpenter, 84, Jan. 21, 1973.  
 Spears, Levi A., Denver, Carman, 69, Nov. 14, 1972.  
 Vom Feld, Albert L., Salt Lake City, Machinist, 81, Nov. 10, 1972.  
 Ward, Hubert H., Denver, Conductor, 72, Nov. 1972.

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

J. M. Archuleta, Assistant Roadmaster.....Price  
 W. A. Boggs, Data Processing Supervisor.....Pueblo  
 Eleanor Brown, Sec. to Asst. V.P. Sales & Services.....Denver  
 J. E. Clancy, Diesel Maintenance Supervisor.....Burnham  
 R. F. Crane, Road Foreman of Equipment,  
 Colo. Div'n.....Grand Junction  
 H. W. Dearing, Division Trainmaster, Colo. Div'n.....Denver  
 H. V. Eason, CTC & Electronics Engineer.....Denver  
 T. L. Eno, Assistant Engineer.....Denver  
 R. L. Fisher, Trainmaster, Colo. Div'n.....Pueblo  
 D. R. Havlik, District Representative.....Chicago  
 W. A. Henderson, Superintendent of Air Brakes.....Denver  
 K. F. Higham, Assistant Trainmaster.....Clearfield  
 M. R. Jacobs, Assistant Roadmaster.....Provo  
 D. W. Jamieson, Track Supervisor.....Roper  
 Ida Kyffin, Secretary-Financial Dept.....Denver

W. D. Lucore, Road Foreman of Equipment,  
 Utah Division.....Grand Junction  
 W. H. Manro, Manager Contracts-Jt. Facility.....Denver  
 A. L. Marzano, Terminal Trainmaster.....Pueblo  
 C. R. Naysmith, Engineering Assistant.....Denver  
 G. L. Openshaw, Assistant Trainmaster.....Grand Junction  
 R. L. Phillips, Engineering Assistant.....Grand Junction  
 J. D. Pyatt, Terminal Supervisor.....Denver  
 K. E. Rackley, Terminal Supervisor.....Roper  
 L. J. Radloff, Terminal Supervisor.....Pueblo  
 Arlis Rosenberger, Sec. to Manager of Insurance.....Denver  
 V. Sacco, Road Foreman of Equipment, Colo. Div'n.....Denver  
 J. P. Spiess, Asst. Superintendent, Colo. Div'n.....Denver  
 L. L. Trathen, Assistant Signal Supervisor.....Helper  
 J. E. Unbehaun, Rodman, Colo. Div'n.....Denver  
 J. D. Williams, Assistant Roadmaster.....Ephraim  
 E. W. Wotipka, Engineer of Location & Design.....Denver



# System Banquets Honor 1972 Retirees

Railroad officials and friends of Rio Grande employees attended banquets held throughout the system to honor those who had retired during the past year.

The Rio Grande Veterans' Clubs and the railroad sponsor the banquets each year. Banquets were held at Pueblo, Salida, Alamosa, Salt Lake City, Denver and Grand Junction during the month of January and February.

Experience is one of the factors that makes a railroad run efficiently. With the loss of many of the employees by the retirement route, employees who have had to fill the shoes of those who departed have found what a value the retired person was to the company. One retiree had 53 years of service, and two had 51 years with the company.

Some of the Master of Ceremonies at the various Retirement Banquet locations are shown on this page. There are more photos and names of those who were honored on Pages 7 through 10.



MONTE YATES, Salt Lake



JIMMIE ALLEN, Salida



JOHN SCHOENING, Grand Junction



DAN WALKOVITZ, Denver



JACK BERRY, Alamosa

Seven employees were feted who had attained 50 years of service with the Rio Grande. Those who were presented with diamond pins were Ralph D. Passarelli, section foreman, Salida; Eugene V. Stone, division timekeeper, Salt Lake; Harold Mazzulla, machinist, and Alex E. Rose, manager of insurance, both of Denver; Alexander L. Guerrie, mechanical laborer, Francis J. Jonick, special agent, and Joe A. Mazza, brakemen, all of Grand Junction.

At each of the banquets special entertainment groups performed for the benefit of those who were retired. As each received their retirement pin, special note was made of their accomplishments while in the service of the Rio Grande.

## Do You Remember?

The following poem was printed in an English-language newspaper in Mexico. The author is unknown.

Remember when hippie meant big in the hips?

And a trip involved travel in cars, planes and ships,

When pot was a vessel for cooking things in,

And hooked was what Grandmother's rugs may have been?

When fix was a verb that meant mend or repair,

And be-in meant merely existing somewhere?

When neat meant well organized, tidy and clean,

And grass was a ground cover, normally green?

When groovy meant furrowed with channels and hollows,

And birds were winged creatures, like robins and swallows?

When fuzz was a substance, real fluffy like lint,

And bread came from bakeries and not from the mint?

When roll meant a bun, and rock was a stone,

And hang-up was something you did with the phone?

It's groovy, man, groovy, but English it's not,

Methinks that our language is going to pot.

—Anon



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